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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Donald W. Allen et al

Serial No. 09/625,893

Filed: July 26, 2000

SMOOTH SLEEVES FOR DRAG AND VIV
REDUCTION OF CYLINDRICAL STRUCTURES

Group Art Unit: 3673

Examiner: K. Mitchell

January 20, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER (OVER PRIOR PATENTS)

Shell Oil Company is assignee of the entire interest in U.S. application Ser. No. 09/912,939, filed 25 July 2001, now U.S. 6,571,878, issued 3 June 2003, by assignment recorded 13 November 2002 at Reel/Frame 13476/0321.

Shell Oil Company is also assignee of the entire interest in U.S. application Ser. No. 09/845,678, filed 29 April 2001, now U.S. 6,702,026, issued 9 March 2004, which is a continuation-in-part of the present application 09/625,893, filed, 26 July 2000, by means of an assignment of the in the present application, recorded December 9, 2003 at Reel/Frame 014182/0244. U.S. 6,702,026 is subject to a terminal disclaimer in favor of U.S. 6,571,878.

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Shell Oil Company hereby agrees that any patent granted on application Serial No. 09/625,893 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. 6,571,878 and U.S. 6,702,026, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer in favor of U.S. 6,571,878, this agreement to run with any patent granted on U.S. application Serial No. 09/625,893, and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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Please charge the \$130 fee covering statutory fees for filing this disclaimer to Shell Oil Company, Deposit Account 19-1800.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean F. Vance", is written over a horizontal line.

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